ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer accessible medium may be encoded with a plurality of instructions which, when executed in a first node of a plurality of nodes in response to a fail over of a first service group of a plurality of service groups from a second node of the plurality of nodes, initiate lock recovery for locks on one or more filesystems included in the service group. Locks on one or more filesystems in a second service group of the plurality of service groups may be maintained during a time period that locks in the first service group are recovered. The lock recovery may be initiated using a first client list of a plurality of client lists, wherein the first client list is included in the first service group and identifies clients having at least one lock on a filesystem included in the first service group. During the fail over of a service group, lock services may not be interrupted for other service groups on any of the nodes.